

## DESIGNS FOR KNOCKERS.



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THE WESLEYAN NORMAL COLLEGE,  
HORSEFERRY-ROAD, WESTMINSTER.

THE Wesleyan Normal College, which is situated in the densely populated neighbourhood of the Horseferry-road, Westminster, forms one amongst the important educational establishments recently erected in the metropolis. The purpose of the establishment is twofold—the training of schoolmasters and mistresses and the education of the children residing in the locality. It consists of principal's residence, college for students, school-rooms for children, and residences for under-masters. The buildings cover a space of upwards of five acres, and are represented by the accompanying engraving.

The Principal's Residence, seen on the left of the print, fronts the Horseferry-road, and, when completed, which is not yet the case, will contain committee-room, secretary's room, and library, ten rooms for the use of the principal, rooms for porter, &c. The front is built of Sarsen stone, with Bath stone dressings, and consists of three gables, divided by large buttresses, each gable having an oriel window, with tracery and embattled parapet, the angles terminated with gargoyles, for discharge of water from the lead flats. In the centre is a large, open archway, communicating with the college, and at either end the private entrance to house and committee-room.

The Normal College, for the accommodation of 100 students, is quadrangular in plan. In the front is a terrace, 8 feet in height, approached by a broad flight of steps. The principal entrance is central, beneath the oriel window of tower, and communicates with the (second) quadrangle of Practising Schools; the approach on either side to the interior apartments is by means of a corridor, communicating on the left with the head master's room, the three class-rooms, the lecture-hall, the male students' retiring-room, and the gymnasium. The lecture-hall, seen on the left of the first quadrangle, is 40 feet by 30 feet, and finished with an open timber-roof, with hammer-beams, the spandrels of which spring from carved corbels. On the right are the female students' retiring-room, mistress's room, and dining-hall, 50 feet by 22 feet, the ceiling of which is panelled with moulded ribs, and foliated bosses at the intersection. On the right, and on a level with the quadrangle, are the domestic apartments, with an entrance adjoining that to the principal's residence.

The first and second floors are appropriated to the male students' dormitories, approached by means of a stone staircase on the left. The female students' dormitories occupy the whole of the third floor, approached by a corresponding staircase on the right. These dormitories have a corridor extending the whole length of each floor (140 feet), with apartments on either side. Each student is provided with a separate sleeping-room, 9 feet by 7 feet, and 7 feet high, and ample provision made for lavatories and baths. The centre tower contains a large cistern for the supply of water to the dormitories. The invalid apartments are on the right, and the servants' and housekeeper's bedrooms over the dining-hall.

The principal feature in the elevation is the central octagonal tower finished with battlemented parapet and oriel window, two stories in height, in the lower part, over the doorway. On either side of the tower are three gables, with windows in each; and between the windows are gargoyles for conveyance of water from roofs. The lecture and dining halls form the two sides of quadrangle, and have buttresses to each principal of roof, with pointed tracery windows between; the whole finished with embattled parapet.

The Practising Schools are situated in the inner quadrangle, approached through the centre tower of college, an entrance from Peter-street, and a ledge entrance in Allington-street. The front of the schools is towards the south, and the plan consists of four spacious rooms, appropriated to infants of both sexes and senior boys; the dimensions 60 feet by 30 feet, and 30 feet high. Each school-room is furnished with a gallery and suitable furniture. There are eight class-rooms in connection with the infant and junior schools, and two to each of the other schools, with a gallery to each room.

The two Masters' Houses are on the eastern side of quadrangle, and overlook the playgrounds, which are fitted up with gymnastic poles, &c., and surrounded by cloisters for exercise in wet weather. The quadrangle which faces the south is appropriated to the infant and industrial playgrounds, and the open space towards the east as a playground for senior boys.

The south elevation of the schools consists of a projecting centre gable, with an oriel window, and on either side are cloisters communicating with the belfry turrets at each angle.

The whole of the fronts, with the exception of that of the principal's residence, are of ordinary stock-brick, with stone dressings: it is to be regretted that a better description of brick was not used. The style is late Perpendicular.

The Model School is situated beyond the Practising Schools, towards the north-east (seen in the engraving in the extreme distance): the dimensions of this are 40 feet by 30 feet, and 20 feet high. Underneath the school, and of the same dimensions, is a covered playroom, 7 feet high, with open arches leading to playground, which is fitted up for gymnastic exercises. This building being distinct from the rest of the design, the style adopted is Early English, with porch and lancet windows.

The building is heated with hot water, and lighted with gas.

The contractors are Messrs. Curtis, of Stratford, and the design has been carried out under the superintendence of the architect, Mr. James Wilson, of Bath.

## IRON KNOCKERS.

THE two additional knockers here given are, Fig. 5, from the Rue Jacob, Paris; and Fig. 6, from the Rue d'Enfer.

## NOTES IN THE PROVINCES. GAS, &amp;c.

THE foundation-stone of a new Baptist chapel was laid at West-end, Hammersmith, by Mr. S. M. Peto, M.P., on Friday in last week. The cost is estimated at 2,100*l.*, of which 1,000*l.* is already promised.—100*l.* of it by Mr. Peto.—On Thursday week, Laithie Harrowden church, Northampton, was re-opened, with the addition of a new aisle on the north side, a restored chancel, Caen stone reredos, open seats, vestry, and other improvements. The tower arch has been thrown open, and a gallery removed from the nave. The old carved chancel screen has been stripped of its twenty coats of paint and tar, repaired, and varnished. The church-yard has been extended, and new schools have been added to the church. The whole works have been executed, under the superintendence of Mr. E. F. Law, architect, by Messrs. Boddington and Warner, contractors.—The project for new markets in Durham is progressing favourably.—A valuable vein of lead ore has been found in a colliery near Durham.—A